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Soccer Camp

Athletes in
Action come to
town for soccer
and go
presentations

Thunder in the Valley

Brazeau County
says it will not be
paying for
airport repairs
Thunder in the
Valley at this time



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Fire department holds kids camp



Justine Kinosh Western Review

The Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services held a week-long kids' firefighting camp from Aug. 17 to 21. Some of the activities children learned from the camp include tying ropes and extinguishing fires. For more photos, turn to page 16.

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News

Brazeau County implements false alarm bylaw

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Brazeau County council gave a second and third reading to false alarm bylaw at the council meeting on Aug. 18.

Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services Chief Tom Thompson explained to the council the increasing number of false alarm incidents in the area.

"I was on call this week and I had five false alarms in one day," said Fire Chief Tom Thompson at the meeting last week.

He has often explained that most firefighters are volunteers and the increasing number of false calls doesn't help.

The bylaw applies to all emergency services and will allow them to issue a ticket to individuals who will be responsible for false alarms.

Under the new bylaw residents and businesses will be charged for false alarms. The first offence will be fined \$80, the second \$260 and the third offence will be

fined \$500.

Breve Bart Guyon said he would like the bylaw to have lower fees with a freebie and an educational component added.

"It's too extreme to start right off the bat," said Guyon.

Guyon, Marc Graner explained that in his experience running a business alarm companies give business owners an option to contact them first before reaching out to the RCMP.

Goun, Mayraan Thompson said she was in agreement with Guyon.

The bylaw was passed with Guyon and Thompson not in agreement.

RESIDENT ASKED TO FILE A CLAIM
Resident Don Herman who has been in contact with the county in regards with dead trees on his property was asked to file a claim with the county's insurers and see if he receives compensation.

Herman has claimed that county's dead control is what's responsible for killing his spruce trees.

County had asked two horticulturalists to look at Herman's property's ditch that had the six trees either dead or dying.

Tozo Basic Bioenergy/Agroforestry Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry who had come out to check Herman's property told the Western Review he didn't conduct any tests but from what he could see there could be various factors that would have led to the spruce trees dying in the ditch on Herman's property.

He confirmed one of the reasons could be run off from county's dust control along with other factors such as topping of the trees, fungus, drought, etc.

Herman was seeking about \$6,000 from the county as compensation for the dead trees.

County administration confirmed to the Western Review two weeks ago that the council was ready to pay a partial amount to Herman as compensation and buying some of Herman's land as the county is looking into

road widening as well.

At the County council meeting on Aug. 18 Herman was advised to file a claim with county's insurers to see if he will be compensated.

"Why didn't they just tell me to file a claim two months ago?" said Herman after the decision at the meeting.

"They just figured the problem will go away," he said as Herman wishes to sell his property.

RCMP STATS
Members from the Drayton Valley and Breton detachment were at County council meeting on Aug. 18.

Some of the council members were concerned with the complaints about domestic violence that the RCMP has been dealing with lately.

Council asked the members how the county can support them, to which the reply came that the RCMP detachment could use more numbers.

"We can't express concerns saying we need more

members. I'm sure your voice has more weight than mine," said Sgt. Chris Delake.

Breve Bart Guyon noted that a letter expressing the need for more members has

been sent once but an additional letter can be drafted.

A motion was passed to send a letter to provincial and federal government in support of more members in the community.

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ALMOND TREE LIFE CENTRE - Drayton Valley
Annual General Meeting
September 1, 2015
@ 7:30 pm
@ Mitch's Restaurant
Open to the Public
Please RSVP
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This week photo enforcement will be conducted at the following locations:
• Highway 22 • 49 Avenue
• 43 Street • 50 Avenue
• 50 Street • 55 Avenue
• 42 Avenue • Beckwith Road
• 43 Avenue • Madden Avenue
• 46 Avenue • All other areas where speeding is a concern
• 47 Avenue
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Six-year-old gets hurt at Splash Park

Mamta Lulla
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A piece of equipment fell on six-year-old Kaden Ennis at the Splash Park in Drayton

Valley. Young Ennis was taken to the Drayton Valley Hospital after the incident.

"He is doing better. He is back to his normal self," confirmed his

mother Amber Davison on Facebook on Aug. 19.

The incident occurred on the afternoon of Aug. 17. The equipment that may need fixing is under

investigation.

"Making sure that our facilities are safe for our children is the number one priority for Town council and the Town of Drayton Valley staff," said Town

manager Manny Deol in a news release.

After the incident, a sign was posted at the splash park last week showing that the facility will be closed until further notice.

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW
The Town of Drayton Valley is seeking the public's input on the proposed Community Standards Bylaw. Please contact Chandra Dyck for any questions, or to provide your input, at 780-514-2200. This bylaw will be presented to Council for second and third readings on September 16, 2015. The bylaw, as well as a highlight sheet, can be reviewed online by visiting www.draytonvalley.ca/bylaws/

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW
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Community Registration Night 2015

An event where local community groups and organizations gather to answer questions and take registrations!
September 1st, 2015
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Municipal and Rotary Children's Library

Town of Drayton Valley

Omniplex/Town Works

Gift Guides of Canada

Gazelles Ballet

Calvary Baptist Church

Brazeau Gymnastics Club

Early Childhood Development Centre

Brighter Futures Family Resource Centre

Boys & Girls Club Drayton Valley

Cornerstone Judo

Miss Joanne's School of Dance

Drayton Valley Figure Skating Club

Valley RN Team

Drayton Valley Scrapbooking Club

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Town of Drayton Valley

Community Services Department

Homelessness & Poverty Reduction Team

Family and Community Services Department

Park Valley Pool

Project FIT

DV Fun Hockey

DV Legacy Wrestling

Rebecca Elliot's Music Studio

Shine Gymnastics

Drayton Valley Ringette

Drayton Valley Community Big Band

Sens Life First Aid

Mrs. Jessica's Academy of Irish Dance

Straight Blast Gym Drayton Valley

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For more info please call 780-514-2560

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Next Regular Meeting of Council
Wed. August 26, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Office - 9:00 am

Next Governance & Priorities Meeting
Wed. August 26, 2015
Town Office - 1:00 pm

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BRAZEAU COUNTY
7401 Twp. Rd 404 (PO BOX 77), DRAYTON VALLEY, AB T7A 1R1

Take notice that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will meet on
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APPEAL:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LANDOWNER/APPELLANT:
FILE:
To Appeal the Refusal of a Development Permit
S1W 10-43-4-W886
Gregg & Susan Porter
18521AB-055

Persons who wish to express an opinion on this application may attend the Hearing on
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 10:00 am noted above or submit written comments in
advance to the undersigned.

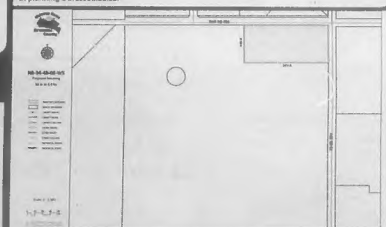
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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

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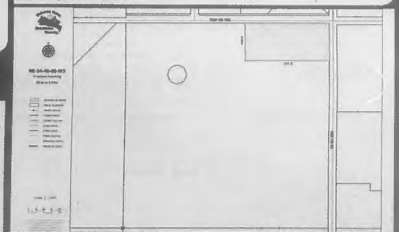
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NEW WARNING SIGNS UP AT IVAN TO PARK



Photo submitted
The Town of Drayton Valley has put up a new warning sign in Ivan to Park. The sign is to remind the public that there are active beaver traps in the area.

Lacombe-born country music singer helps fundraiser for CT4DV

Journalist
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editorial

Alberta is on a cliff, don't push it off with a royalty review and a minimum wage hike

There seems to be little in the way of good news when it comes to the Alberta economy.

Oil is at a seven-year low. Jobs are being shed at an alarming rate and an air of uncertainty has spending locked down tighter than a Vegas slot machine.

Still, our NDP provincial government refuses to remove the blinders when it comes to dealing with Alberta's new reality.

Minimum wage hikes - surely to cripple many struggling small businesses - will go ahead.

Tax increases on the so-called rich will kick in unimpeded.

And a dreaded royalty review to squeeze more from oil companies - many already going through downsizing - will continue to hang over the industry like a forbidding dark cloud.

Premier Rachel Notley has talked about a job creation tax credit to help create jobs.

We welcome anything that gets those affected by this downturn back to work.

But details will have to wait

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until the fall and, months after taking office, there is still no budget from this government.

Still, it pushes ahead with loaded rhetoric aimed at an already skeptical industry. Its talking points are only compounding the problem.

The NDP needs to get serious about eating the effects of low oil on Alberta jobs.

The province can't control the oil price, but it can try to inject at least some semblance of hope and help.

Notley's NDP needs to clearly and loudly put off any plans for a royalty review until the industry gets itself on more sure footing.

Same for the minimum wage hike.

No one likes to label what's happening a recession, so let's just call it a tough time.

For long-time Albertans, this is nothing new. We've been through this before. We are fighters. We know we will come out the other side of this even stronger.

But a little help from the government would be nice.

Or at the very least, no piling on.

Live in the moment

Before I left for my trip to Europe, I was worried that I might not have a good time. I was worried because I kept thinking that my trip was only for two weeks and then I had to be back at work after that. I love my work but I love travelling more.

An advice my co-workers gave me before I left was to just think about what was happening at the present and to not worry about the future or the past. I followed her advice and I had a great time in Europe.

I know that focusing on the present and living in the moment is such a cliché and I've read an article no I shouldn't be thinking about it.

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Justine's Journey
Justine Kimoden

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While I was in Europe and every time my mind wandered to the thought of me coming back home to Canada, I kept reminding myself what I was doing at that particular moment. For example, when I was in Italy, I kept telling myself, "I am eating gelato in Venice, I should focus on how delicious this gelato is" or when I was in Paris, I told myself, "Right now,

should focus on it." It gives me more control of my life and it lessens my stress of worrying about things that have not happened yet or regret things that will happen.

By doing so, I was able to enjoy my life more. There really is no point worrying about the past because it is over and we cannot change it. As for the future, who knows what might happen? The future may never come for all we know! Or if it does, the future we envisioned may not be the future that comes, so no matter how much we worry about the future, it is pretty much useless. I believe focusing on the here and now made me a happier person because thinking about the past, present, and future can be a little bit too much to handle.

I urge you to try and do it yourself. Whenever you find yourself worrying about something in the future or regretting something that happened in your past, train your mind to stop thinking about it and remind yourself of what is right in front of you. Take note of what makes you feel it is not easy but you have to keep on trying.

News

Thunder in the Valley moves forward without county fuel

MINOR LIAISON
WEEKLY REVIEW

The Three-day Thunder in the Valley Event kicks off with about 300 racers on Sept. 4. The event is made possible after the Drayton Valley Municipal Airport was repaired, but Brazeau County won't be paying for the refurbishing.

In an e-mail Brazeau County administration confirmed, at this point the county will not pay for paving the airport.

The event was almost a no-go earlier this year due to safety issues at the airport where the event, which is in its 11th year, is hosted.

The Town of Drayton Valley has helped the organizers pave the airport making it suitable for the event. The town did not have a cost for repairs yet.

George Paterson, co-chair of operations for Northern Thunder Classic Car Club confirmed the repaving which was done this year will take care of the problem and there won't be repairs

needed next year. In an e-mail the town confirmed that there has been an agreement signed with the Northern Thunder Classic Car Club which states that the town will not be responsible for re-paving next year should the organizers need it.

The organizers have been busy planning the event.

"We will have a full field: I am hoping 300 cars all the way from junior dragsters up to super-pro line-up. Right from street cars all the way up," said Paterson.

Features of the event include wheelstanders, fuel dragster and jet cars.

"We have a couple more jet cars this year than we usually bring in," said Paterson.

This year the people going to the event will also see concerts by Black Water Crude and Sall with Kings at the Best Garden.

The number of vendors at the Farmer's Market this year is also up this year from about 12 every year to 45, said Paterson.

"We are trying to bring more

people in and make the event more fun for everybody. We are trying to keep it family oriented so everybody can have as much fun as they possibly can," he said.

The 11th annual event is in partnership with Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation with a hope to raise about \$100,000 to go towards the CT40V campaign.

"They will be receiving 75 per cent of the event and the car club itself would take 25 per cent," said Paterson.

The 25 per cent will help the car club to kick off the event next year.

Sponsorships have been lower than previous years given the economic climate, said Paterson.

The event saw a 40 per cent decrease in sponsorships this year. The organizers are hoping to increase the number of people at the gates therefore bringing in revenue through ticket sales.

Paterson confirmed they have increased advertising of the event down south in the Calgary area.



Thunder in the Valley event is celebrating its 11th year on Sept. 4, 5 and 6. This year the event runs in partnership with the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Hannah and I am almost 9-years-old. This morning, I had breakfast with my family at a restaurant in town and three RCMP officers came in.

It made me think about what a great town I live in.

Some people say bad stuff but I am saying good stuff.

I want to thank our RCMP, our Fire chief

and our volunteer fire fighters, EMTs and all of the staff at the hospital.

We are very lucky to have all of these people protecting us and taking good care of everyone in our community.

It makes me feel much safer, so thank you very much!

The Western Review was not given permission to share Hannah's last name due to privacy reasons.

Yours truly
Hannah

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News

Weapons and drugs seized by RCMP

Justin Kimmelman
Western Review

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On Aug. 9 at 2:10 a.m., police stopped a vehicle in a local park after smelling marijuana coming from the vehicle. Alcohol is also visible inside the vehicle. Two males occupying the vehicle were arrested for possession of marijuana. A total of 70 grams of marijuana and capsules of ecstasy were seized by RCMP. The suspects were charged and are waiting court appearance scheduled on Sept. 15.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

A man was stopped by a patrolling officer on Aug. 6 at 1 a.m. after a police officer noticed the driver of the vehicle commit a driving infraction. The driver was showing signs of impairment in addition to driving while suspended. The driver

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STOLEN WIRES

RCMP received a complaint on Aug. 14 at 8 a.m. regarding a man passed out in a vehicle on 58 avenue. Police arrived on scene and saw a large amount of cable in the back of the vehicle. Investigations revealed that the cables were stolen. The male was arrested and first appeared on court on Aug. 19.

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A report of a stolen 2005 Kawasaki 750 quad was received by RCMP on Aug. 8 at 8:15 p.m. The quad was stolen while locked under a deck. RCMP is still looking for the quad.

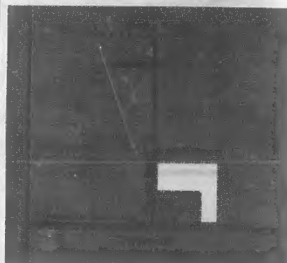
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AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

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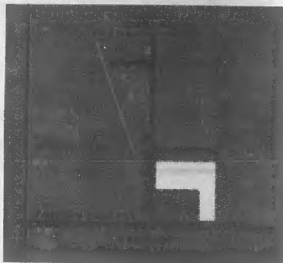
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News

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Omniplex gym tones up with a new face

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Total Works Health & Fitness Centre now has a new Fitness Manager who specializes in strength and conditioning among other skills.

"It will be offering personal coaching and group coaching and helpfully getting youth teams involved in using the facility," said Grant Turner the fitness manager with the facility. Originally from Ontario, he grew up in a town that is about two or three times bigger than Drayton Valley.

"So far it's been very nice and welcoming in terms of coworkers and everybody in the gym's

been really nice to me," said Turner.

Looking into the future plans, Turner explained the goal of the fitness centre is to serve a new market, an age group that according to Turner is hardly looked after.

"What you don't get at most commercial facilities anywhere is a huge focus on youth participation and older adults. Usually a typical member runs anywhere between 18 and 40 so we are trying to expand that and work within the community so it's much more of a public health position as much as it is fitness and coaching," he said.

There is hope that the new approach will increase membership numbers.

"We will be bringing up memberships by trying to serve the people who are not normally served in most communities," said Turner.

With the new approach

there maybe new youth programs from as young as six-year-olds and up.

Turner explained as a community we need to look at rising obesity numbers and find ways to address that problem.

In a traditional sense one of my professor says if gyms were the solu-

tions we would all be fit already, so therefore we have to look at it from a different perspective and a different lens," he said.

"Working within a community and in a position that was supported by the town is something that really appealed to me."

More changes are

expected in the fitness centre when there is a decision on re-designing the interior in a way that makes the gym enable youth participation.

Turner said there are many proposals are on the table but no decisions have been made yet.

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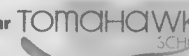


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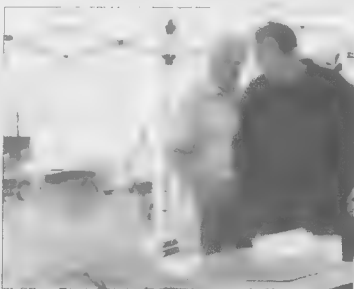
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Local heroes will now become teachers

Local Heroes
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Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire crew will now not only put out fires but will train future firefighters at NorQuest College.

About 34 certified firefighting programs will be offered at NorQuest College at the Drayton Valley campus both in class and online. The courses will cover entry level firefighter training to officer level fire courses such as fire investigation to industrial firefighters training.

"We are going to be doing the training for entry level fire fighter or officer training right at Drayton Valley at the college and as the fire services using their training facility," said Ed Kohel, development officer for fire rescue with NorQuest College based out of Edmonton.

The college was recently given

a training entity status by the Office of the Fire Commissioner in Alberta allowing them to train volunteers or paid fire fighters.

Kohel explained the international accrediting body, International Fire Services Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Services Professional Qualification (ProBoard), provides certification of firefighter programs which NorQuest College will deliver to fire services.

Those trained with NorQuest College will have the opportunity to apply for international licensing which means they will be recognized as firefighters anywhere in North America.

All 34 courses are at the post secondary level with some lasting a day while others lasting a week. The college is offering a strong online component as well to especially benefit volunteer firefighters.

"You have so many volunteer

firefighters and they just can't get away from their jobs to go some place and sit in a classroom for weeks. They have priorities, they have families and everything," said Kohel.

The programs will have theory and practical components which qualified Drayton Valley/Braceau County firefighters will be teaching.

"There is some theory on firefighting and everything from what fire does and fire behaviour and what certain pieces of equipment do and then the guys actually have to use the equipment, put out fires, do some search and rescue and actually do quite a bit of things under stress and pressure," he said.

Kohel credits Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Chief Tom Thomson for his forward thinking.

"We picked out Drayton Valley not only because it's part of our location but their fire serv-

ices there. I find are very forward thinking and they want to do training to quite a superior level and that's driven by the Chief, Tom Thomson and his training crew. So when we approached them they welcomed us with open arms," said Kohel.

NorQuest College will bring certified forest firefighter training to Drayton Valley which is currently in talks. The college was certified by Alberta Forestry and Emergency Response Division

to provide wildfire crew member training, a certificate required to become a forestry firefighter. The training required to become a forestry firefighter is more technical, explained Kohel.

"Students will learn about helicopter safety and operations, preparing a fireline etc. The course lasts for eight busy days," said Kohel.

Currently NorQuest is open to applications with all programs starting in September.

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DRAYTON VALLEY MUSEUM WAR MEMORIAL



Cathy Westman/Western Review

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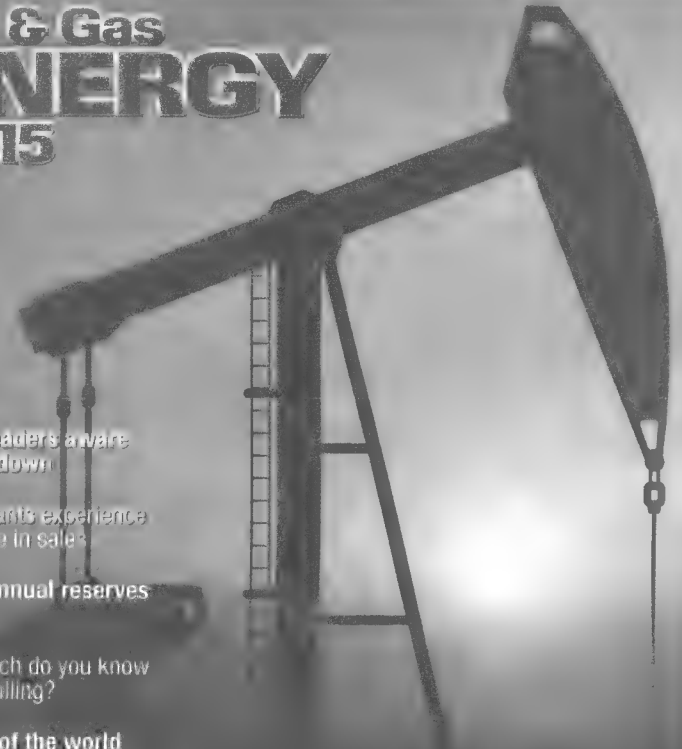
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Over the past few decades, oil companies have made significant investments in the town of Drayton Valley. These investments have included the construction of new oil refineries, the expansion of existing oil refineries, and the construction of new oil pipelines. These investments have helped to create jobs and to increase the town's economic activity.

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Cathy's Comments
Cathy Weetman

when the area was changed forever.

On February 21 of that year, a discovery well of the Pembina Oil Field, called Soreen Seaboard, was drilled in the town of Drayton Valley. This well proved to be the first oil well in the town of Drayton Valley. It was the first oil well in the province of Alberta and the first oil well in the world to be drilled in a town.

On February 7, 1957, Drayton Valley was officially incorporated as a town. Drayton Valley now boasts a population of over 7,000 residents and is the third largest town in the province of Alberta.

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The Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation is very grateful for the support of the oil and gas industry for their support of the CTHV project. Companies are going the extra mile to provide us with support even during economically challenged times. Many companies like Pembina Pipeline and PennWest are not only funding us with cash donations, but are supporting us in hosting fundraising events," said Colleen Sekora, Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation Co-ordinator.

It is with great pride that we salute the oil and gas companies who had the foresight to drill an oil well in a relatively calm area of land and the ability to continue to support the town of Drayton Valley with modern day technology so that we and our future generations can continue to enjoy all that this area has to offer in terms of job creation and continuing industrial development.

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Salute to Oil & Gas

Local leaders are aware of the slowdown

Mayor and Reeve talk about current and future plans

Marta Lulla
Western Review

Both Mayor Glenn McLean and Reeve Bart Guyon are well aware of the slowdown in the local economy.

"As an eternal optimist I am going to say its managing as well as it can. Are we in a recession? I believe we are. There are many people that I have talked to who have said that they have not been negatively impacted with the current downturn in the economy. The town's very little activity out there," said Guyon.

"It's obvious that there has been a slowdown the price of oil impacts the oilfield activity to a great extent. More recently, within the past month or so, I

have been told of some companies putting people back in the field which is encouraging. I would like to see more of that. We want 100 per cent employment," said McLean.

Both town and county are focusing on various ongoing and future projects that would help the local economy.

"Oil and gas and forestry are our primary industries in this community, and forestry is healthy at present time and that's very good to see in a community. But that doesn't entirely offset the difficulty that oil and gas is experiencing. What we see in terms of how to help our community is to be prepared for the longer term," said McLean.

For McLean, it's about making the community attractive for business investment which would mean making this a community that can retain skilled labour.

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Restaurant business is facing a slowdown

Local restaurants see a decrease in sales

Mamta Lulla
Western Rivers

Third, the industry has negative impacts on local businesses and local residents.

"I have been here since 1980. I have seen it all. But the 5 years that I have been in Dayton Valley this is the worst I have ever seen it. The worst part is I didn't prepare for it," said Eliuk. Bonanza owner and mill owner Wally Lipp.

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"February was the month that started it, basically. It started in a manner that is absolutely good. It's only over some time, over the next 18 months, that a big decline came and I just dropped within a few months. I don't know how this is going to be," he said.

Revenue has been drawn to support new, grants to replace the Oldman to Lakeview, Kentville, etc.

Right now, a quarter of the country's industry is in a lull here this winter. It's the same picture in Texas state universities, says Amy Thompson, spokeswoman in production and logistics for one of the most active sectors, defense. "In the last six months, we've had a 10 percent drop in demand for our products," she says. That's not all bad in Asia.

both fish and freshwater confirmed sales have been down from the transient population as well that comes to the San Valley to work for them, both wage earners.

"We depend a lot on the people who work in the food industry that come to Drayton Valley from other

"We have a lot of servers here, their husbands and boyfriends work in the

oil and gas fields and now they are asking for more shifts because they want to work around the clock.

in some cases primary focus is the driveway," said Hoesly. "We have had people apply from every other restaurant in town, and say if they can't work here because they only buy meat making as much as their parents as well. So you have people wanting more raise-shits and you have to give a lot of different

"It's become a field competition,"

Don't have one yet, but as that's a luxury that they used to have before that they don't have now," he said.

"The most important thing right now is we keep our spirit going and keep the attitude going. It's not only me being affected, I think it's everybody in the restaurant industry," he said.



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Vital Safety Training provides courses for more than a decade

Justine Klimoden
Western Review

A vital training school that has been around for more than a decade, Vital Safety Training, is a company that provides safety training for the oil and gas industry.

Justine Klimoden, owner and manager of Vital Safety Training, said the company is putting their clients first.

"The thing is, clients with the respect that this is a serious industry, and they are a part of it, as well as we are to them," Klimoden said.

Vital Safety Training courses cater to people working in industries including oil and gas, logging, and construction. Some of the courses offered are Emergency First Aid, WHMIS/101, Hazard Assessment, and Detection and Control of Flammable Substances.

"We provide courses like standard first aid, H2S, ground level, and emergency response, and we're also providing advanced training," Klimoden said. "We've received a lot of feedback from our clients, and we're always looking for ways to improve."

This business has seen a decline in the number of students due to the current state of the oil and gas industry.

"We are down about two-thirds of our general work so far," Klimoden said. "I think it's a great loss to the industry, but we're still here, and we're still providing the best training we can. We have not laid any body off because of it, but people have left for other opportunities elsewhere."

For more information on Vital Safety Training, visit their website at www.vitalsafetytraining.com.



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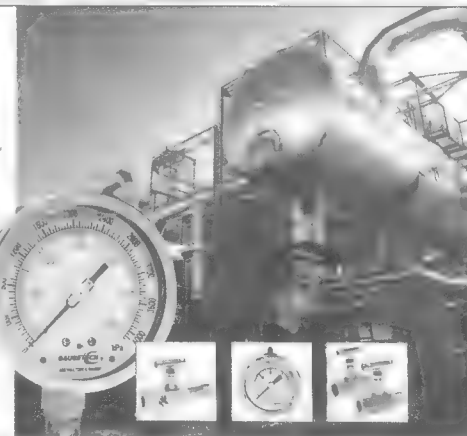
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How did the oil and gas industry affect the housing market?

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

The current situation of the oil and gas industry has made an impact on the housing market in the Town of Drayton Valley, both in regards to home purchases and rentals.

"One would think that a downturn in the oil and gas sector would have some impact on our local housing market. However, in speaking with a local real estate professional, it is noted that the main impact is that we have gone from a seller's market to a buyer's market in terms of real estate sales," said Town of Drayton Valley Councillor Debra Bossett.

"Homes are taking a bit longer to sell

which is more in keeping with provincial norms and there has been only a slight pricing correction."

A local property manager of an apartment building in town also said that their business "has also been affected due to the current situation of the oil and gas industry."

One of the main concerns of the property manager is the loss of tenants who have been recently laid off. Due to this, there are more apartment units available for rent and at a reduced cost. Bossett said that with every downturn, it is always followed by a healthy upturn which is why the town is working on providing more housing options despite the current situation of the oil and gas industry.

"The housing issue has been on the forefront of council's agenda for some time. The Town recently purchased some land and currently we have issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) inviting local and non-local developers, contractors, and societies to offer creative solutions for diverse housing on this parcel of land," she said.

"It may seem somewhat counter-intuitive to be moving forward when we are serving an increased inventory of homes on the real estate market, but anyone who has lived here for any length of time knows with every downturn is quickly followed by a healthy upturn and housing of every type will once again be in high demand. The Town is also grateful for the work done by the local organization Humans

Helping Humans Housing Foundation. Although housing has traditionally been the responsibility of the federal and provincial governments, Drayton Valley Town Council sees the vital importance of finding housing solutions right for our community. Funding from upper levels of government has been minimal and housing models for big cities do not suit our rural setting," Bossett said.

While our council continues to seek housing solutions, council applauds the efforts of our local Humans Helping Humans Housing Foundation. Their grassroots approach to home ownership has proven to be a very successful model for creating affordable, accessible homes in our community."

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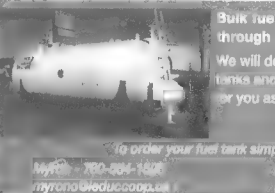
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Salute to Oil & Gas

AER releases annual reserves report

Alberta Energy Regulator

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) released its annual reserves report recently. The report shows that Alberta produced 1.1 billion barrels of raw crude bitumen and crude oil, 1.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 32 million tons of oil sand in 2014.

"Every year, the AER prepares reserves report to help us understand where Alberta's energy resources are and how

much there are in the province," said Carol Crawford, vice president, Regulatory Operations and Economics Branch. "The report allows us to regulate energy development in a way that effectively manages Alberta's energy resources."

In 2014, Alberta produced 117 million cubic metres (141.4 million barrels) of raw crude bitumen from the oil sands. Other highlights from the report include:

• Since 1967, Alberta has produced about 1.7 billion cubic metres (10.1 billion barrels) of raw crude bitumen from the oil sands.

• Since 1914, Alberta has produced 2.7 billion cubic metres (17.1 billion barrels) of crude oil.

• Alberta's remaining established marketable conventional gas reserves (at 865.3 billion cubic metres (6.0 trillion cubic feet), down four per cent from 2011).

• Petroleum plus production increased by 20 per cent in

2014 and surpassed heavy oil production for the first time in recent history in Alberta.

The AER ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and managing water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.

It is without a doubt that the oil and gas industry has been a huge part of the lives of many Albertans. It has generated jobs and has driven the province's economy. However, there have been some concerns regarding some of the practices of the oil and gas industry and its effects on the environment. An example would be hydraulic well fracturing.

Justin Klimod Western Review

Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) defines hydraulic well fracturing, or fracking, as a process that extracts oil and gas from a rock by cracking the rock layer.

"Hydraulic fracturing involves pumping fluid down a well to create enough pressure to create tiny cracks, or fractures, in the rock layer, allowing oil, gas, and natural gas liquids to be produced," said AER spokesperson Moner Hermans.

"Hydraulic fracturing has been used in Alberta since the 1940s and is one of several well-established methods to enhance the recovery of oil and natural gas and

extend the life of older wells in mature oil and gas fields."

One of the many important roles of AER is making sure that everyone's needs are met, including economic benefits of Albertans and environmental safety of the province.

The AER's mandate is to regulate the development of energy resources, and this means ensuring that all activities related to energy development, including hydraulic fracturing, are done in a safe, efficient, orderly and environmentally responsible manner.

"Albertans expect us to protect public safety and the environment, and we are doing everything we can to meet their expectations through our regulatory requirements and commitment to ensuring that energy companies follow the rules."

AER makes sure that oil and gas companies are meeting AER's requirements by having "comprehensive surveillance and enforcement processes in place." Geologists, engineers, environmental scientists and other staff members look after "public safety, environmental protection, oil and gas conservation, and fair access to regulating the development of Alberta's energy resources."

For more information about AER visit <http://aer.ca>

FortisAlberta launches Mobile App to report and view real-time outage information

Story submitted

FortisAlberta, an electricity distribution company, has launched a Mobile App that provides real-time outage information. Through the App, customers are able to report outages, view current and planned outages and get the

details they need right away. "Enhancing our customers' experience through technology is a significant priority," said Rob Dwyer, Vice President, customer and information services. "To have this, we continue to leverage and imple-

ment new technology to provide our customers with greater access to information about FortisAlberta's utility services."

With real-time mapping information, customers may view the service status, time, and the number of customers affected in their area regardless of location, all through FortisAlberta's outage map. With increased visibility, customers can see exactly what area is affected, and they are able to zoom into specific areas and receive more details instantly.

This self-service tool will provide customers with the ability to receive relevant outage information immediately, with added functionalities to create a future release. The Mobile App is available for download on Apple, Android and Windows platforms.

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An independent regulatory agency protects the environment from fracking

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Alberta Energy Regulator ensures oil and gas companies are environmentally responsible

Justine Kromden
Western Review

An independent regulatory agency has been in Drayton Valley for 10 years. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) which was formed in 2003 to regulate the oil and gas industry, has a reputation for being a fair and balanced regulator.

It is in Bartlett, AER Senior Advisor for Public Affairs, said in an interview that the agency has a strong commitment to the well-being of the community. "While it is the same time in making sure that all projects, and the economic benefits, are done from the energy sector."

"The AER provides for the safe, efficient, orderly, and sustainable development of the oil and gas industry in Alberta. This includes planning and construction of energy infrastructure, including pipelines, roads, and processing facilities, while ensuring that the benefits of the industry are realized for all Albertans," he said. "Today, the AER is a strong regulator of energy development in Alberta, in operation and exploration, to ensure that the development is a sustainable one."

and remediation."

The Government of Alberta is involved in the agency's operations to the extent that it gives AER permission to make its own decisions.

The AER's authority, by the Government of Alberta, to make decisions on applications for energy development, including drilling, completion, and decommissioning, is a key part of its mandate. The AER's role is to ensure that all projects are done in a safe and responsible manner, and that the benefits of the industry are realized for all Albertans.

"This authority extends to approvals under the public lands and environmental statutes that relate to energy development activities. The AER can only be so trusted by the Alberta Government. The AER's governance structure ensures benefits to both strong corporate oversight and independent adjudication, the corporate operations and governance responsibilities to separate from adjudicative functions for example hearings on energy applications."

AER which has been around for 76 years and has 14 locations all throughout the province, is responsible for numerous pipelines, mines, and processing plants.

"Field centres are located in areas of high energy activity to allow our staff to quickly respond to oil and gas plants and emergencies. AER field staff live and work in communities across Alberta, from Medicine Hat in the south to High Level in the north, and numerous centres in between. Working with technical experts from the AER's head office in Calgary to serve all of Alberta, the members of our field staff know their neighbours, understand local issues, and can be counted on to respond to your concerns," said Bartlett.

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Salute to Oil & Gas

Downfall of oil industry not a hindrance for companies to keep on giving

Justine Kmenden
Western Review

A local oil and gas company continues to make donations in the Town of Drayton Valley despite the current situation of the oil industry.

Greg Moffatt, spokesperson for Penn West Petroleum Ltd., said Penn West is only one of many oil and gas companies that believes in the importance of being an active participant in a community through donations.

"I do not think Penn West is any different from any other company, but we have employees in the community

and we have operations that impact the community and so that is just part of doing business," Moffatt said. "We do need to be a participant in the community and how we do that is by supporting the interests and efforts of our employees."

Moffatt said the company supports any initiative of its employees that gives a positive impact to a community.

"The company has been giving back to the Town of Drayton Valley in terms of donations," he said. "Our community investment program is largely driven by the interests and efforts of our employees."

One of the many beneficiaries of Penn West is the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation.

"We recently held our sixth annual charity fundraiser in June and the proceeds went to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation," Moffatt said. "And to date, thanks to our employees and suppliers in the area, we have helped raised approximately \$400,000 for the foundation."

Penn West has also partnered with 4-H Club and Classroom Champions as a way of giving back to the community.

"We kicked off a project last

fall in partnership with local 4-H Clubs because we are also in a partnership with the 4-H Foundation of Alberta by conducting a winter coat drive," Moffatt said. "This upcoming academic year will also be our second year in partnership with Classroom Champions in schools in the Wild Rose School Division and that is an initiative where Olympic athletes together with teachers and Classroom Champions help build a strong foundation of leadership and personal development skills for children."

Moffatt said the company will continue to support its employees and the communities they live in in terms of

donations.

"In all honesty, we really have not cut back (on donations) despite the current situation of the oil industry" because our community investment program is largely driven by the interests and efforts of our employees," he said.

"We provide a dollar match for employee contribution to charitable and non-profit organizations. If it is important to our employees, we stand behind them and match their financial contributions or provide a volunteer grant to the organization where they volunteer their time."

Salute to Oil & Gas

Finding the keys to a successful business

Carly Wootman
Western Review

While some oil, gas, drilling and trucking companies have felt the blow from the downturn in the economy, a local business has managed to survive the highs and lows of the industry and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year working in Drayton Valley's oil patch.

How did they do it? Hubert (Hugh) Morrison, President of Last Chance Trucking, said he went to work for the business in 1993 and in 1995, Tim Mitchell bought the company along with Leonard LaChance. "I'm used to working in the oil field. Our company built up quite a client base. In 2011, Gord Berkness came to work for me in 2005 and in 2011 he became my partner and another venture was

fired up - 3MK Energy Services. We provide a large volume of services, from fracking and buffer tanks to pump jack installations and secondary containment and pond liners," said Morrison. "When asked what the secret to the company's longevity is, Morrison replied, "We diversified. We've been through low oil prices and low Loo-line values. Right now we've made good business relationships and we're also not working with these companies. We have a really dedicated client base and maintained good working relationships."

"We work in B.C., Saskatchewan and have contacts in the United States. We brought in a well water solution company in from Wyoming. They've got some yard space and office space with us," added Morrison.

Currently the company has a staff of 24 people and in the fall when one project wraps up, Morrison plans to add another 10 people to the payroll when a special project dealing with livestock wastewater will begin.

The company is also in talks with First Nations in Black Hills on another future project.

With the dollar down to 76 cents Canadian and oil at \$45 American (slightly higher in Canada), Morrison worries about how it will affect the oil business, which makes up 80 per cent of the industry here, with the remaining 20 per cent made up of mining and logging.

"The next federal government has some decisions to make and they should be working together with the provincial government," concluded Morrison.



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Last Chance Trucking in Drayton Valley has diversified over the past 20 years and is looking for more projects and companies to collaborate with in the near future.

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 Even in the case of these new materials, however, no drilling was the standard of safety in the 1990s. However, a rotating drill bit could be ground in its exposure to 'hot' material, if a hole had already been drilled at a depth of 10 ft, but it is not well.

the rigging and was only 12 ft high. It was a long line of drums connected by a chain and a derrick for every 100 ft. On derrick poles, stacks that was near the shore often produced a fire at night.

It was only now that there was proof that there is a big world of oil in the Gulf of Mexico. The first American oil rigs were erected on wharfs. But it was not until 1947 that an oil company built

the first true oil well away from land

BOYS
One of the technologies that spurred the development of offshore drilling was the remote-operated vehicle (ROV), which might even be a twinship to offshore host equipment in underwater because of its deep-water diving prowess. The oil industry adapted ROVs for drilling in the 1950s.

Contrasted from the regular use the water surface an bulk water level device that allows operators to see mid-water. Some types allow the operator to make an observation through a viewing port. Other instruments such as surface current meter, surface water level, and surface water temperature are also used. The water level is deep as 10,000 feet (3,048 meters).

HYDRAULIC FRACURING

Developed in the 1940s, the process of hydraulic fracturing has become increasingly important in oil drilling. It consists of using water "tight" reservoirs where the rock contains oil, then forcing large pressures through the oil flow from the cracks, weak and draining a simple well into the rock won't get much of the oil out.

To help stimulate the well and drive out the trapped oil, drillers employ a technique called hydraulic fracturing. In this process, they inject water, sand and chemicals into the well with enough pressure to create fractures in the rock formations. These fractures, which can extend hundreds of feet long, help keep the fractures from closing again, drillers find, and a proppant, which is a mixture of fine sand and gellies, these fractures allow oil to flow more freely from the rock.

According to one history of Dravot Valley which remains. No 1 was drilled. Little was known about the sandstone the drillers would have to contend with. The first prospective zone was the Cretaceous. The top of the oil was at the 14,000 feet level, and a drill stem test was carried

When the well was drilled, nothing flowed to the surface. Soony Albi was in a quandary—should they pull out or continue to the well's contracted depth of 3,400 feet?

On. At one point in the drilling, one-foot wrench had been dropped into the hole and had to be retrieved with a power tool. The rigmaster says May 11 fell just 10 ft depth of the well reached 94 1/2 feet, with the significant blow that the company decided to try a relatively new technique—a sand tracer string or, as it is known today, by another name.

The technique had never been

successfully applied in Canada and the odds were not in the companies' favour. But on June 16, after completion of the hydraulic fracture procedure, the flow began to produce initially at 2.2 barrels per day before maxing out at 10 barrels per day. Soon after, about 10 months later, the first Cardium well in Alberta and the first well drilled in the Bakken Oil field, the area began to earn.

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Five innovations that improved the oil and gas industry

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SEISMIC IMAGING

At first, looking for a good place to dig for oil simply depended upon finding where it had bubbled to the surface. But because oil reservoirs can be buried

deep in the earth, it's not always obvious from the surface. And because it's costly to set up a rig and dig a deep well, companies don't like to waste their time and money on an unproductive spot. Eventually, geologists were brought in to find out where oil would likely be by studying sur-

One of the most important innovations in oil exploration was 3-D seismic imaging. This relies on the idea that sound bounces off and travels through different materials in slightly different ways. In this process, an energy source such as a vibrator truck sends sound waves deep into the earth. Special devices

called geophones are positioned on the surface, which receive the sounds that beamer picks up and send the information to recorder.

Engineers and geophysicists study the recorded sound waves (in the form of squiggly lines) to interpret what kinds of layers of rock formation are at that location. Thus way they can construct 3-D images of what lies under the surface. 4-D imaging also accounts for the passage of time. Although this advanced technology helps reduce the number of holes drilled and makes it more productive wells, it isn't foolproof. Engineers are lucky if they can accurately predict the location of oil reservoirs half of the

MEASUREMENT WHILE DRILLING TECHNOLOGY
Even with today's advanced techniques of seismic imaging, it's difficult for drill operators to know exactly what they're encountering when digging an oil well. An

until the 1980s, it was also difficult to know details about what was going on with an drill bit as the hole was being dug. This challenge was over, once by measurement while drilling (MWD) technology. MWD allows operators to receive real time information on the status of drilling, as well as the ability to steer the well in other directions. It relates information such as gamma rays, temperature and pressure, as well as the density and magnetic resonance of the rock formations. This serves a myriad of functions. It helps operators drill more efficiently while preventing blowouts and tool failures. It also helps operators show that they're not drilling into any unauthorized areas.

What's perhaps most amazing is how this information is transmitted up to the surface. Because it isn't practical to string a wire cable down the well from the surface to the drill bit, MWD instead relies on mud pulse telemetry. A mud slurry that is sent down into the well to carry debris back

up, through, the gate: communication will provide a convenient, automatic means to send mud pulses up in a binary or digital fashion, as decided on the surface. One of the advantages of MWD mentioned previously is that it helps an operator steer a drill in different directions. The ability to steer a drill in different ways after that straight down has been one of the most significant advancements in the story of drilling. If MWD allows operators to receive real time information on the status of drilling, as well as the ability to steer the well in the directions it relates information such as gamma rays, temperature, pressure, as well as the density and magnetic resonance of the

HORIZONTAL DRILLING
Because many oil reservoirs are spread out horizontally, vertical wells may not extract enough oil efficiently from them. A horizontal well is drilled deep down ve-

directly at first but then change direction for what is called the sick dip, or before an encounter the reservoir at the entrance point and extends horizontally through it. But the advantage of horizontal drilling is, you increase well productivity. It also shows we is to be dug, fed under environmentally sensitive and protected land.

tal walls is critical. In 1929, the were expensive and the development of hydraulic fracturing soon improved the productivity of vertical wells. Advances such as MWD and steerable motor assemblies, however, made horizontal drilling a more viable option by the 1980s.

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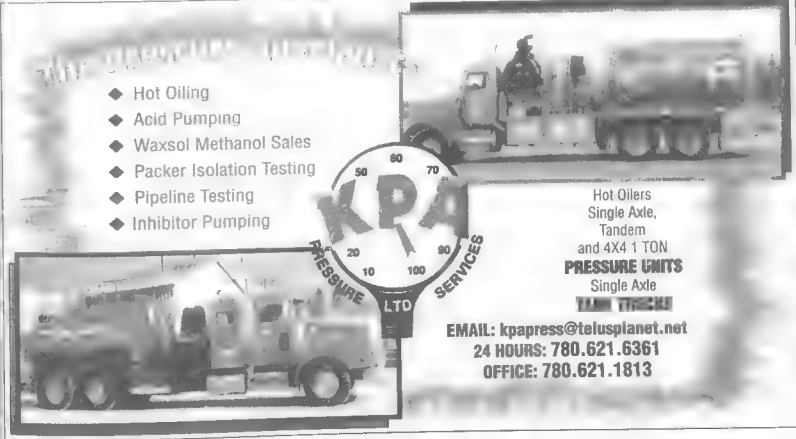
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Finding new ideas to help improve profits

By Michael Doerksen

It is easy to get lost in the negativity surrounding the oil and gas industry after a significant drop in oil prices in the last year. In times like these, individuals and businesses alike have to separate themselves from what they can not control and focus on what they can. When revenues drop, businesses need to react and cut costs, however, many companies simply cut staff and stop spending money on non-essential items.

That may work as a short-term solution, but what allows a company to remain successful long-term and in turn makes the surrounding community more resilient to economic slowdowns is using innovative new ideas or products to help improve the bottom line.

One of the more impactful innovative breakthroughs in the oil and gas industry was the advancements in horizontal drill-

ing and hydraulic fracturing. This technology jump started the last oil boom and ensures that Drayton Valley will remain a key center for future oil and gas development projects.

Even now, with lower oil prices, exploration companies are expanding on this technology in key end down. They are drilling more wells per pad and testing new fracturing techniques and products to get the most hydrocarbons per dollar spent.

Just as much, oil companies are finding ways to get more oil from the ground for less, and it is up to local business owners to find innovative ways to improve their business.

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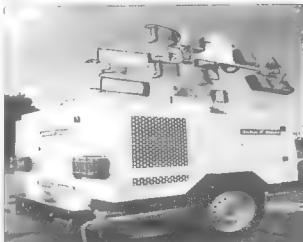
running off diesel fuelled generators which burn a large amount of diesel as well as carry high maintenance costs.

By using electric light towers, you only require one generator on site that the remaining electric light towers can be plugged into. For example, if you have five light towers on a site, you can replace four diesel powered light towers with four electric ones, cutting your maintenance and fuel bill by 80%.

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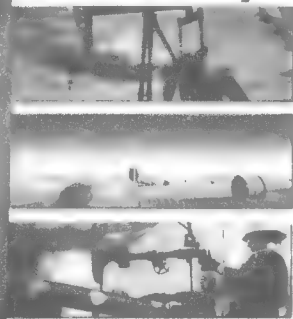
So regardless of the industry you are in, there are always new innovations hitting the market that will allow your business to save money.

The onus is on each of us to exploit those innovations and help build a stronger community.



An example of a tower of LED lights which can save costs because it doesn't need a diesel powered generator to run it. Four light towers can easily replace four generators, reducing maintenance and fuel bills by 80 per cent.

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New regulations in place after Quebec train disaster

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Two years after the rail disaster in Lac-Mégantic, Que., new requirements for hand brakes and other safety devices to ensure parked trains stay put are among the changes Transport Canada will enforce.

In October of 2014, Transport Minister Lisa Kuit announced that her department would be recruiting 10 additional inspectors to do more audits and provide more information to municipalities about the rail cargo moving through their communities.

Rail companies found not in compliance will be held accountable, with new monetary penalties for failing to implement adequate safety management systems.

In addition to the new regulations, last July Canadian regulators mandated that DOT-111 tank cars built before 2014 be retrofitted or phased out by May 2017. Transport Canada, which regulates rail safety, has also proposed aggressive safety standards for new tank cars and has sought feedback from industrial stakeholders before finalizing its rules. In the United States, regulators are expected to release final rules in 2015.

In April 2014, the government responded to initial recommendations from the ISB by removing the least crash-resistant DOT-111

tanker cars from circulation. At the time, it also required the industry to do more route planning and make sure emergency response plans are in place for the transportation of high-risk hydrocarbons like petroleum products.

The Lac-Mégantic tank cars were built before October of 2011, when the Association of American Railroads mandated safety enhancements to the oil and ethanol tankers, also known as the DOT-111 cars. These cars lacked puncture-resistant steel jacks, thermal insulation and heavy steel shields, all of which could have lessened the destruction in Lac-Mégantic, said the Association. Nearly all of the cars in the Lac-Mégantic disaster were punctured.

Some of the industry leaders are already responding to public concern before rules are finalized. In April of this year, Irving Oil, owner of Canada's largest refinery, in Saint John, New Brunswick, where the Lac-Mégantic train was headed before the disaster, completed a voluntary conversion of its crude oil tanker fleet.

It remains to be seen whether Canada and the United States can work co-operatively to ensure safe passages of trains on both sides of the border.



Associated Press photo

Almost every rail car in the Lac-Mégantic train disaster that occurred in July of 2013 was punctured when the train derailed. Both the governments of Canada and the United States have been working together to come up with new safety rules and regulations that would be acceptable to both countries.

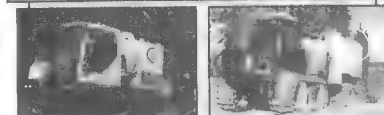


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EVOLUTION OF RAIL INDUSTRY TANK CAR STANDARDS FOR CRUDE OIL

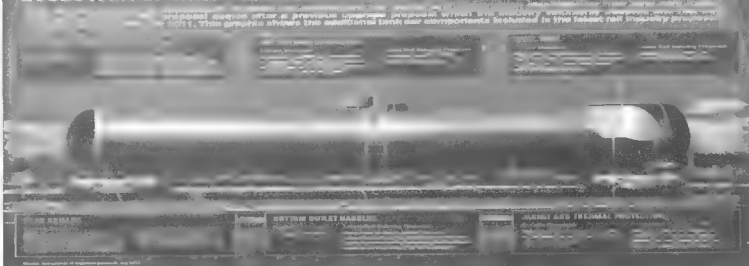


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Pictured above is an artist's concept of a new rail industry standard tank car that will be used to carry crude oil over rail lines. The new car will contain a high capacity pressure relief valve, top fitting protection, head shields, bottom outlet handles and jacket and thermal protection, plus a steel tank. These new tank cars will replace the DOT-111 cars that were involved in the Lac-Mégantic rail car disaster in July of 2013. Since then, new stricter rules and regulations are scheduled to be put into place while the outdated DOT-111 cars will either be retrofitted or replaced.

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History of the world petroleum industry – key dates

Information courtesy of Geo Help Inc.

8th Century BC – The army of King Sargon II, King of Assyria, used Ashurbanipal in weapons of oil to invade cities and cities. (Note: much of the historic information is missing due to the early history in the Middle East has been provided by the Assyrian King Ashurbanipal, Professor of Azerbaijan Technical University in Baku.)

450 BC – Herodotus described oil pits near Babylon.

325 BC – Aristotle described oil during his travels in Persia to the mountains.

100 AD – Plutarch described oil bubbling from the ground near a sink in present-day Iraq.

317 AD – Chinese reports of oil in drilled holes in ground using bamboo to extract oil.

8th Century AD – Baku people used oil and murex shell to treat heating because of the heat.

9th Century AD – Arabian traveler Baladhuri (Abulhasan Ahmad) describes in "The conquest of the cities" the political and economic life of an Asherim had been long connected with oil. (Published

in English "The origins of the Islamic state" by P.K. Hitti and E.C. Murgotten, v1-2, NY: L, 1916-1924.)

10th Century AD – Arabian traveler Abu Dulat visits and describes Asherim's oil sources, and noted that there were two types of sources: black and white oil. White oil was exported to Iran, Iraq and India as a valuable article.

12th Century AD – A unique medicinal oil from the Natolian (Azerbaijan region) was used for curing various health problems. It was carried in wineskins through the territory of modern Georgia to the Black Sea, and from there to the mountains of the world.

1273 – Marco Polo recorded visiting the shores of Baku on the shores of the Caspian Sea in modern Azerbaijan. He said oil being collected from seeps for use in medicine and lighting.

1500 – The first seeps in the Carpathian Mountains in Poland was burned in street lamps to provide light in the Polish town of Kozmin.

1668 – Under the direction of Englishman Thomas Bannister and Jeffrey Durrell, Thomas Company agents visited Azerbaijan and wrote about Baku oil (the Moscow Company was founded in London in

1555).

1694 – A stone dated 1594 and signed by Abbas Mirza Nuriyev is found in an oil well (2-3 km) 35 metres deep in Baku (in settlement Balakhan), the well is dug by hand.

1610 – Italian traveller Pietro Della Valle spoke about great amounts of black oil around Baku. It was cheap and brought loss of income to the shah every year.

1637 – Baku oil is marked as a "terrible weapon by ignition" in a "List of gun stocks of Moscow state."

1647 – The oil traveller Felixa Chetelbi came to Baku and described Baku oil fields. According to his data, Baku oil brought 7000 tumans of annual income to Shah's treasury and was exported to Persia, Central Asia, Turkey and India.

1666 – Dutch sailor and traveller Jan Struys (he was a slave prisoner in Iran and used to work on that place often with the men) said that he even knew the Caspian sea map was used by the Venetians and wrote in his work called "Journey" that there were wells built with stones inside and with water and black oil coming to the surface on Besh Barmag mountain (now in Siazan region of Azerbaijan).

1723 – Peter the Great (1672-1725) issues special decrees about the order of oil extraction: in a letter to major-general Michael Mamonov, who governed Baku, he demanded "send up" "one thousand pools of white oil or as much as possible, and to look for increase in production Persian campaign (1722-1723) of Peter I resulted in Baku and Derbent (on the East coast of Caspian) being annexed to Russia.

1739 – Academician I.M. Veytshchik publishes the treatise "About the oil" which contains much data about Asherim oil.

1741 – Director of English-Russian trading company Ioannis Harwar investigated condition of Baku oilfields. In 1754 he published "Thoughts on the oil" (the book is in Russian).

1771 – Academician Samuel Gmelin (1724-1799) visited Baku and found that white oil was valuable for production of kerosene in Saratov, and also "riches the sea" (the oil was used for production of kerosene).

1781 – Count Marko Voznyukh (1750-1807), the chief of the Caspian expedition, finds the signs of oil and gas on the bank of the Caspian Sea near the island of a detailed map of Eastern part of the Caspian Sea. See History Page 29

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1796 – Marshal von Frederick Biberstein (1758-1828) notes that "the Asherim peninsula contains an inexhaustible stock of oil."

1836 – For the first time, academician G.I. Grevs researched Asherim natural associated gas from a scientific point of view and defined its composition.

1891 – First coal-powered steam engine.

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Ohio well was almost 500 feet deep and produced about a barrel or so of oil per week, which was worth about 50-75 cents/gallon.

1818 – In southeastern Kentucky another salt well produced oil.

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attempts to mine oil shale, mines were closed in 1957.

1846 – Baku the first ever well drilled with percussion tools to a depth of 21 metres for oil exploration.

1849 – Abraham Gesner developed a method for distilling kerosene from crude oil.

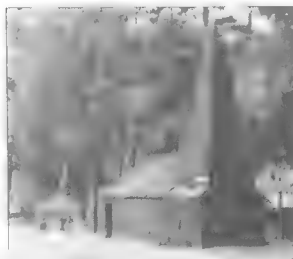
1857 – Development of the kerosene lamp – provided clean burning light.

1857 – Preston Barrow drilled two gawells on Canada's coast near Fredonia, NY, used an 8 pound charge of gunpowder at a depth of 122' to break the well – the first record of artificial fracturing.

1857 – First drilling of oil wells at field northeast of Bucharest, on the Romanian side of the Carpathians.

1858 – First oil well in North America at Old Springs in Ontario, Canada.

1859 – Col. Edwin Drake struck oil 696 below the surface of the ground in Titusville, Pennsylvania.



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Pictured is a photograph of a replica of the first Drake Oil Well struck in Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1859.

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1861 First recorded shipping of oil between countries from Persia/Iran to London on the sailing ship *Elisabeth Watt*.
1862 de Rochemps of France patented the four stroke engine.
1863 J.D. Rockefeller founded an oil refining company in Cleveland.
1870 J.D. Rockefeller formed Standard Oil (Ohio) - controlled 10% of American oil refining.
1872 Rockefeller took over 22 of his competitors (the Cleveland Massacre) to increase his oil share of market to 25%.
1877 Rockefeller controlled 9% of American oil.
1878 First oil drilling at Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela.
1879 Thomas Edison invents the electric light bulb.
1882 Standard Oil Trust formed.
1885 Oil discovered in Sumatra by Royal Dutch.
1892 Standard Oil Company of Ohio broken up by Federal Regulators.
1893 First well drilled in Los Angeles.
1895 Extraction of bitumen from bituminous sand using hot water at Carpinteria, California.

1895 John D. Rockefeller retired.
1896 Invention of combustion engine.
1896 Henry Ford's first motor car.
1900 Spindletop gusher, blew out on Jan. 10, 1901 near Beaumont in East Texas drilled by Captain Anthony Luc as it heralded the birth of the Texas oil industry - 'Gall and Texas'.
1902 Ida Tarbell begins campaign against the monopoly and questionable practices of the Standard Oil Trust - published a series of articles in *McClure's Magazine* (1902-1904).
1903 Wright Brothers first flight.
1903 Ford Motor Company founded.
1905 Bakul oilfields set on fire during Russian Revolution.
1906 Federal Government filed suit against Standard Oil under the Antitrust Act.
1907 Shell (British) and Royal Dutch merged to form Royal Dutch Shell.
1908 Oil discovered in Persia, Anglo-Persian Oil Company formed (later BP).
1910 First oil discovery in Mexico at Tampico on the Gulf Coast.
1910 US Congress authorized legislation to set aside land as Naval Petroleum Reserves.
1910 Lakeview gusher blew out near Los Angeles, CA, reportedly at rate of 100,000 BOPD with a total of 9,000,000 Bbls oil released before the well was brought under control.

1911 Break up of Standard Oil Trust ordered by Supreme Court (See end for further details).
1912 Land in California (Elk Hills and Buena Vista Hills) as Naval Petroleum Reserves Nos. 1 & 2.
1914-1918 World War I, the first conflict where control of oil supply really mattered - needed for tanks, ships and planes. British Forces captured Baghdad in 1917.
1918 Teapot Dome Wyoming established as Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1.
1918 Naval Oil Shale Reserves established in Colorado and Utah.
1920 First experiment of using seismic waves to image the subsurface - at Vines Branch in south central Oklahoma by William H. Heston, Clarence Karcher, Louise Perrine and Daniel Glenn.
1924 Teapot Dome scandal - political manipulation in providing friends with the rights to develop the US Naval Oil Reserves resulted in the resignation of the Secretary of the Interior.
1929 World War II - control of oil supply from Bakul and Mid-



Archived photograph of inventor Thomas Edison with a prototype of an oil light bulb he created.

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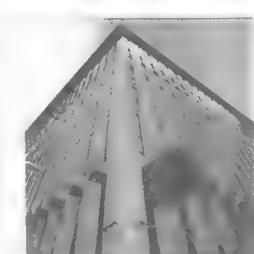
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(Albert Fall) and Secretary of the Navy (Edwin Denby).
1920 Start of Great Depression.
1920 East Texas Oilfield discovered by 'Doc' Johnson.
1931 Leonard and Marcel Schlumberger successfully identify presence of oil in a formation by measuring resistivity.
1932 Oil discovered in Bahrain.
1933 Saudi Arabia granted oil concessions to Standard Oil of California - became California Arabian Standard Oil Company (Cascos).
1934 The first floating drilling rig reported in the Caspian Sea.
1937 The Texas Company introduced the first submersible drilling barge which was used in the estuaries (Lake Pelto) Louisiana.
1938 Texaco took a 50% share in Enso.
1938 Mexico nationalizes foreign oil companies, all assets placed under the control of Pemex.
1938 Oil discovered in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.
1939-1945 World War II - control of oil supply from Bakul and Mid-

dle East played a huge role in the events of the war and the ultimate victory of the allies. Cutting off the oil supply considerably weakened Japan in the latter part of the war.
1941 An inclined (slanted) well to the depth of 2000 metres was drilled by drilling master Age Nymmett's team with turbodrill method on Baidj settlement (near Bakul).
1942 Japan awarded Indonesia first access to their oil reserves.
1944 Cascos became Aramco (Iraqi American Oil Company).
1947 Kerr McGee brings in the first producing oil well on the Outer Continental Shelf off Louisiana.
1948 Chocoma Field discovered in South Vietnam - the largest conventional oil field in the world (about 80 billion barrels).
1949 First offshore oil drilling at Off Rocks (Nefi Hashar) in the Caspian Sea off Azerbaijan eventually resulted in a city built on pylons.
1950 Aramco agreement with Saudi Arabia.
1951 Anglo-Iranian Oil Company nationalized.
1954 Anglo-Persian Oil Company

renamed British Petroleum.
1955 Egypt nationalized the Suez Canal.
1956 Suez Crisis: Britain, France and Israel attempted to regain control of Suez Canal.
1958 Oil discovered in Algeria and Nigeria.
1959 Natural gas discovered in Groningen field, Netherlands.
1959 Arab Oil Congress in Cairo - 'Arabian Oil Agreement' for oil producing countries to have a greater influence on oil production and marketing.
1960 OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) founded in Baghdad - Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran and Iraq. See end for current member countries.
1964 Start up of Colony Oil Shale project in Colorado, USA - to extract oil from immature source rocks.
1967 Six day War between Israel and the Arab world, Suez Canal closed.
1967 Great Canadian Oil Sands Ltd (later Suncor) began production of oil sands north of Fort McMurray Alberta.
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1964 - First commercial production of the largest oil resource in the world.

1968 - Oil discovered on North slope of Alaska.

1969 - Qaddafi seizes power in Libya.

1969 - Santa Barbara oil spill, 6 miles offshore from Sumnerland, California. Greatest major backlash against industry.

1969 - Oil discovered in North Sea.

1971 - Libya, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Iraq negotiate price increase from \$3 to \$3.45 per barrel.

1971 - OPEC Countries begin nationalizing oil assets - Libya nationalizes 100% concession.

1971 - US oil production peaks.

1972 - Iraq nationalizes Iraq Petroleum Company.

1973 - Nationalization of oil assets.

1973 - Saudi Government nationalizes a 25% interest in Aaramco.

1973 - Yom Kippur War - Egypt and Syria attacked Israel.

1973 - Arab oil embargo on oil exports to the US for siding with Israel in the Yom Kippur War - oil prices rise from \$2.90 to \$11.65.

1974 (March) Arab oil embargo on oil exports to the US lifted.

1975 - Venezuelan oil industry nationalized.

1975 - First oil production from North Sea.

1975 - Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) authorized in US - to store an emergency supply of oil in salt domes.

1976 - Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve, California opened for commercial production.

1977 - Alaska oil pipeline completed.

1978 - Amoco Cadiz runs aground off French Coast.

1978 - Natural Gas Policy Act in United States provided incentives or disincentives for certain types of gas deemed to be high cost - including Tight Gas.

1979 - First significant coalbed methane drilling by American in San Juan Basin, USA.

1979 - Shah of Iran deposed, Ayatollah Khomeini takes power.

1979 - Three Mile Island - Nuclear power plant accident.

1979 - Saddam Hussein becomes President of Iraq.

1982 - (June) Blowout at Ixtoc 1 in the Bay of Campeche in the Gulf of Mexico - brought under control in March 1983 - largest single oil spill.

1979 - November - Iran takes US hostages.

1979 - 1981 - Oil prices rise from \$11.65 to \$34.00.

1980 - Saudis brought out the balance of America from US oil companies.

1980 - Crude Oil Wind

fall profits Act in United States - included an unconventional gas tax credit - provided tax credit when oil prices were low to reduce the chance of gas consumers switching to oil.

1980 - Iraq launches war against Iran.

1982 - OPEC's first quota.

1982 - Exxon shuts down Colony project in Colorado - intended to extract oil from immature oil shale.

1984 - Gulf Oil acquired by Chevron after a bidding war with Arco.

1986 - Oil prices collapse.

1986 - Chernobyl Nuclear power plant accident.

1986 - 87 - "Tanker War" between Iran and Iraq - destroying oil tankers in Persian Gulf.

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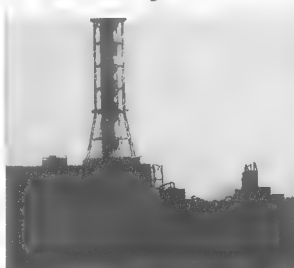
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1995 - UN resolution to allow partial resumption of Iraq oil exports.

1997 - Naval Oil Shale Reserve transferred to the US Indians.

1988 - Coal fire in Iran-Iraq War.

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Archival photograph
Pictured is the Chernobyl nuclear power plant that sustained a major explosion and meltdown in 1986.

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1997 - Qatar inaugurates the world's first significant liquid natural gas (LNG) exporting facility.

1997 - Kyoto Agreement proposed to limit greenhouse gases.

1998 - Asian economic crisis.

1998 - 50 year moratorium on mining and oil exploration in Antarctica approved.

1998 - Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve sold to Occidental Petroleum for \$4.65 billion.

1998 - Exxon to acquire Mobil for \$75.4 billion.

1999 - Atlantic Richfield (Arco) acquired by BP/Amoco.

1999 - BP announces plans to acquire Amoco for \$48.2 billion.

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1999 - Total Fina and Elf Aquitaine agree to merge.

1999 - Panama Canal reverts to Panamanian authority.

1999 - YZK has the world holding its breath, quickly turns to a swing.

2001 - September 11th - Terrorist attacks on the United States.

2002 - Construction started on Bosphorus bypass pipeline bringing oil from Baku to the Mediterranean.

2002 - Cantors and Phillips merged to form AmocoPhillips.

2002 - US threatens invasion of Iraq to stop development of WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction).

2002 (November) - UN weapons inspectors return to Iraq.

2002 (November) - Oil tanker Prestige sunk off NW coast of Spain.

2002 (December) - ChevronTexaco planning LNG receiving facility on Gulf Coast (NOI/NEPA documents to EIS).

2002 (December) - National strike in Venezuela shuts down Venezuelan oil production.

2003 (February) - BP to purchase 50% interest in TNK - the 4th largest Russian oil company.

2003 - Taliban sells holdings in Sudan following pressure from civil rights groups.



Archival photograph
Camels crossing the desert in Kuwait as oil fields burn in 1991.

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2003 (US Senate rejects proposal to allow oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in northern Alaska)

2003 (March 19-20) US invades Iraq begins "over-the-horizon" Saddam Hussein and prevent the spread of WMD's

2003 (April 9) US take Baghdad

2003 (May 21) Alan Greenspan acknowledges that the low level of natural gas supplies is "a very serious problem" in a presentation to Congress Joint Economic Committee

2003 (Aug 14) Major electrical failure causes rickets in New York State and Ontario

2003 (Sept) Mikhail Khodorkovsky, CEO of Yukos Oil Co (largest Russian oil company) arrested

2003 (Dec 23) - Sour gas blowout in Chongqing, SW China, kills 231 people

2004 (Jan 20) Explains as an LNG plant in Algeria halts production

2004 (July) - US oil imports at a record 11.35MMbbl per day

2004 (Nov) George Bush re-elected President in USA

2004 (Oct 25) Oil at a record price of \$55.67/bbl per barrel on concerns over high demand and possible supply disruptions in the Middle East and damage to the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Ivan

2004 (Dec) Renationalizing of Russian oil industry continued with Rosneft acquiring the largest unit of OAO Yukos, OJ Co. Yukos has been forced into bankruptcy due to non payment of taxes

2004 - Oil production in UK sector of North Sea declined by 19% in 2004

2005 (Mar 30) - Goldman Sachs suggest oil could spike to \$105 US per barrel

2005 (Mar 22) - Explosion at BP's Texas City Refinery kills 15 people and injures 170 others

2005 (Mar 31) - Oil briefly exceeds 1 US dollar per barrel on continued strong demand and concerns over supply

2005 (Apr 4) - Chevron-Texaco offer to buy Unocal Corp for \$16.4 billion

2005 (Apr) - Gulf Gateway Energy Brulee Deepwater Port opened - the first offshore LNG receiving facility and the first new LNG regasification facility to be built in the US in 20 years

2005 (June 23) - China State Oil Co offers \$18.5 billion for Unocal Corp. (offer withdrawn in August)

2005 (July 4) - First import of LNG to United Kingdom in 20 years as North Sea natural gas production declines

2005 (Jul 7) - Terrorist attacks in London - 4 bombs - 1 planned on "UK" ground, 1 on a London bus

2005 (July 24) - Iran and Iraq sign a cooperative oil trading agreement

2005 (Aug) - Chevron Corp acquisition of Unocal Corp finalized

2005 (Aug 29) - Hurricane Katrina strikes the Gulf Coast of the US with devastating results

2005 (Aug 29) - Oil reaches \$70.80 US per bbl

2005 (Sept) - The 1730 km long Baku-Tbilisi-Jeyhan (BTP) oil pipeline begins operation at the Sangarhal Oil Terminal in Baku. The second longest oil pipeline in the world after Russia's Druzhba

2005 (Sept 19) - Natural gas (NYMEX) at all time high of \$12.345 on fears of new storm approaching Gulf of Mexico

2005 (Sept 23) - Hurricane Rita strikes Gulf Coast

2005 (Dec 13) - Natural gas price hits a record high of \$15.635/MMBtu in the United States

2005 (Dec 13) - Conoco Phillips and Burlington Resources to merge in a deal valued at \$15.635 Billion

2006 (Jan 1) - Russia - "ramps up" pressure the Ukraine by blocking gas sales the effort failed after a few days

2006 (Jan 23) - Anadarko Petroleum Corp offers US\$2.1 billion for Kerr McGee Corp and Western Gas Resources Inc

2006 (July 13) - Oil hits a record high of \$78.40/bbl on New York Mercantile Exchange on supply and world political concerns - nuclear tensions in Iran and supply concerns in Iraq, Nigeria, Gulf of Mexico, massive testing by North Korea and flare ups between Israel and Lebanon

2006 (Aug 6) - BP to shut-in part of the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field, Alaska to replace corroded pipelines, resulting in accusations of poor maintenance procedures

2006 (Aug 18) - Mexico receives first shipment of Liquefied Natural Gas at its Altamira terminal near Tampico in NE Mexico, LNG to be used for power generation

2006 (Sept) - Russia exerting nationalistic pressures on multi-national oil companies: Shell, Exxon and ConocoPhillips

2006 (Dec 18) - Statoil and Norsk Hydro to merge to create a \$92 billion enterprise

2006 (Dec 22) - Gazprom to buy half of the Sakhalin-2 project from Shell and partners for \$1.1 billion - continuing Russian efforts to have more control over their industry

2007 (Jan 8) - Russia turns off flow of oil through Belarus to Eastern Europe on accusations that Belarus was illegally taking their oil

2007 (Jan 8) - Venezuela planning to nationalise oil refineries

2007 (Mar) - European Union introduced new environmental regulations to reduce GHG emissions by 20% by 2020

2007 (Mar 23) - Oil price rises on tension over Iran capture of 15 British soldiers reportedly stranded in Iranian waters. Released on 4th April resulting in oil prices falling back

2007 (Mar 27) - Venezuela deal to export more oil to China tested at US

2007 (Apr 9) - G8CF - Gas Exporting Countries Forum met in Qatar - a group of gas exporting countries countries led by Russia with plans to strengthen ties towards cooperation and stability in natural gas markets - Possibly the start of an "OPEC" for gas (Member countries are listed at the bottom of the page)

2007 (May 1) - Venezuela nationalizes part of oil industry by taking over operating control of oilfields operated by ConocoPhillips

2007 (May 1) - May LNG imports to USA highest ever at 3.18 bcf/d. Compared to 2006 average of 1.6 bcf/d

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2007 (Oct 5) - Ecuador announces plan to increase royalties from 50% to 90% of oil and gas price - above a contractual benchmark

2007 (Nov 20) - WTI oil price futures hit a record close of \$99.29US dollar by supply concerns and the weak US dollar

2008 (Jan 2) - WTI oil price briefly touches US\$100 per barrel for the first time driven by supply concerns and the weak US dollar

2008 (Jan 18) - Venezuela announces plans to price more of its oil sales in Euros to protect against the drop in value of the US dollar

2008 (Apr 8) - BP and Conoco Phillips announce plans to develop an Alaska gas pipeline in competition to the previously announced plan led by TransCanada Pipeline

2008 (July 11) - Crude oil hits a record high over \$147.27 per barrel on continued concern over supplies and the weak US dollar

2008 (July 23) - Alaska gives nod to TransCanada Pipeline to develop the Alaska Gas Pipeline

2008 (Sept - Nov) - Global recession fears

2008 (Nov 18) - Saudi super tanker hijacked off Somalia

2008 (Nov 20) - Price of oil drops below \$50 bbl (see July 11, 2008)

2008 (Nov - June 2009) Global Recession a reality

2008 (Jan) - Gas exports to Europe greatly reduced as a dispute between Russia and Ukraine causes a halt to gas exports through the Ukraine

2008 (Jan 19) - Oil price falls to \$34 US per barrel

2008 (Oct) - Declining natural gas prices in North America cause significant cut in gas drilling in both Canada and USA

2009 (June) - Khurais oilfield in Saudi Arabia brought onstream - largest single oil development ever - expected production of 1.2MMbbl, 310MMcf/d Gas and 70mbbls NG/Ld per day

2009 (Sept 13) - Chevron announces plans to develop the Gorgon LNG Project at Barrow Island offshore Australia

2009 (Oct 20) - Oil above US\$80 per barrel driven mainly by weakness in US dollar

2009 (Dec 7 - 9) - Climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark yielded very little results

2009 (Dec 16) - Exxon-Mobil offers \$30 billion to acquire XTO Energy Inc (a significant shale gas explorer in the United States)

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2010 (Apr 27) - Russia and Norway sign agreement resolving sovereignty of a portion of the Barents's sea that has been in dispute for more than 40 years. The sea is believed to be highly prospective for oil and gas exploration

2010 (June 16) - BP suspends dividend payments and sets aside \$20 billion to cover damage claims from the blowout in the Gulf of Mexico

2010 (July 15) - BP succeed in placing a cap to stop the leak on the Macondo exploration well in the Gulf of Mexico. Subsequently, US Marine Corps is estimated to have leaked from the well

2010 (July 26) - Reputable intelligence reports say 17,000 US troops in the Afghanistan War

2010 (Oct 10) - China National Oil Corp (CNOC) to spend \$2.2 billion to acquire an interest in the Eagle Ford Shale liquids rich zone in South Texas

2010 (Oct 11) - Statoil and Telenor Energy buy \$1 billion to acquire interests in the Eagle Ford shale liquids rich zone in South Texas

2010 (Oct 12) - USA lifts ban on deep water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico

2010 (Nov 30) - Chevron Corp in Bay Area, CA signs deal with CNOC (Chinese national offshore oil co) located offshore 60km SE of Hong Kong production of up to 300MMcf/d expected by 2015

2011 (Feb 1) - Exxon-Mobil and partners report drilling a horizontal well with a reach of 7.1 miles (11.4 km) to the Odongu field, offshore, Sakhalin Island. The actual measured depth of the well was reported as 12.14 km

2011 (Mar 11) - A 9.0 earthquake offshore Japan created a tsunami that caused considerable damage to the Fukushima Nuclear plant 130 miles north of Tokyo - raising questions on the safety and safety of nuclear power

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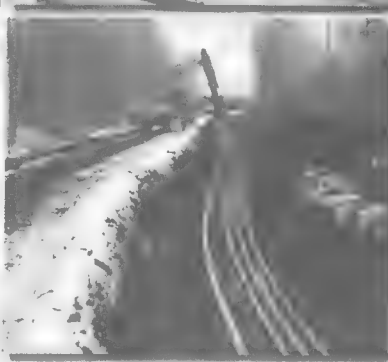
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Back to School 2015

BUS HUB UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Work on the bus hub started last week with a goal to be completed by Sept. 1. Town of Drayton Valley is going ahead with the project after Brazeau County declined to cost-share earlier this year.

Safety reminder for drivers

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With children and youth returning to school in the coming weeks, the Canada Safety Council reminds drivers to be extra cautious on the roads during this busy time of year.

"We owe it to the young people in our communities to review and respect the rules around school zones," says Jack Smith, president of the Canada Safety Council. "As the summer break comes to a close, remember that extra traffic on the road means increased likelihood of collisions."

Driving Tips to Keep Kids Safe

1. **Brake**...our speed. Be more careful in residential areas where children are present. Respect speed limits in school zones and playground zones.

2. **Stop** for school buses displaying the flashing red lights and the extended stop arm. In most cases, traffic in both directions must stop for school buses. Do not continue on until the flashing lights stop.

3. **Obe**y crossing guards.

4. **Never** overtake other vehicles within a school zone or within a half block of any crosswalk.

5. **Avoid** U-turns and three-point turns in school zones. Children can have a difficult time predicting these types of vehicle manoeuvres.

6. **Give** cyclists a wide berth (a minimum clearance of one metre is the rule in some jurisdictions).

7. **Shoulder** check before opening your vehicle door.

8. **Leave** extra time to reach your destination.

9. **If you observe** reckless driving or suspect a driver is impaired, pull over as soon as it is safe to do so, and report the incident to police by calling 911.

10. **Choose** public transit and active modes of transportation, if and whenever possible. One less car on the road makes use road that much safer for everyone.

11. **If you must** drive your children to school, let kids off away from traffic, usually that is the passenger side of the vehicle.

12. **Walk a block.** To help avoid vehicle congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school, consider parking a short distance away, and walk your kids the rest of the way.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's all do our part to keep kids safe this back-to-school season.

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WRSD prepares for back-to-school on Sept. 1

Western Review

As students, parents, and staff are getting ready to get back to school next week, the Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) was busy with providing new programs that would benefit all of the division's students, parents, and staff in the upcoming school year.

"All of the programs and services being offered in WRSD in the 2015-16 school year are focused on learning and wellness," said WRSD Superintendent Brad Volkman. "We will be monitoring and improving the academic, social, and personal well-being of our students as well as the overall well-being of our staff. This will help us achieve our mandate of improving the life chances of all students."

Some of the programs that WRSD would like to highlight include the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Flex Learning Program.

"WRSD will once again be bringing a wide range of programs and extracurricular opportunities such as academics, fine arts, career program-

ming, athletics, and a variety of clubs (We offer) dual credit opportunities for high school students to earn post-secondary credits while in high school.

Work Experience and RAP enables our high school students to earn credits towards graduation or hours towards an apprenticeship program through a supervised job site," Volkman said. "For the Flex Learning Program students have the opportunity to take some courses in flexible formats including online tools. The courses are designed to allow students to work on programs at their pace."

In addition to these programs, WRSD also offers High School Redesign and Power School.

"High School Redesign (HSR) is about creating flexible learning environments, student assignments, and time tables at the high school level that increase students' interest in learning, improve students' achievement, and will increase graduation rates," Volkman said. "Power School is a new student information system that will eventually allow parents to securely view their child's report card and attendance through the internet."

Aside from offering new programs for the new school year, WRSD is also upgrading some of their schools' facilities.

"There are four new portable classrooms replacing older portable classrooms at the Evergreen Elementary School will be completed before the end of the school year," said Volkman. "Upgrades (were made) to the parking at Aurora Elementary School's traffic loop as well as student drop-off and pick-up at the school for the purpose of increased student safety. Construction has also started on a central bus hub at the site of the old H.W. Pickup School."

Volkman also left some school advice and reminders for parents before the school bell rings on Sept. 1.

"Take time to build a good relationship with your child's school and teachers," he said. "Take advantage of opportunities like Parent-Teacher Interviews, school council meetings, volunteer opportunities, and attendance in assemblies, concerts, and athletic events. If you have a concern, please contact the school sooner rather than later so that a solution can be achieved quickly."

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News

Evolving Community: Cutting Sugar: Good or Bad?

By Danette Moulé

Sugar is good. At least in taste. It adds a great deal to every dish you can possibly make. If something tastes good, a little sugar will more than likely make it taste good. If you visit a really good restaurant, there's a high possibility that sugar is in most of the dishes. Sugar is in most packaged food for the same reason - which is what keeps consumers coming back. Now, sugar comes in many forms. There is of course refined white and brown sugar, which comes from beets or the sugar cane. There is maple syrup. Honey. Molasses. Agave syrup. Fruit. Carrots. Sugar is not necessarily bad, depending on how much it's been processed, and how much nutrition (vitamins, minerals) are in it. Pure maple syrup is a wonderful source of manganese, which plays an important role in energy production, and is necessary for normal brain and nerve function. It also contains zinc, calcium, potassium, magnesium and vitamin B2. Honey is a great source of potassium, calcium, phosphorus, and sodium, in addition to vitamins B6, niacin (vitamin B3),



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and riboflavin. It also contains antioxidants. And blackstrap molasses is a powerhouse of minerals, including potassium, magnesium, iron, calcium, and phosphorus. If you are going to be going to a much higher altitude, taking 3 tablespoons of blackstrap molasses a day for two weeks prior will help you avoid altitude sickness. Fruit is also great for you, being packed full of fibre and nutrients. The best fruit you can eat is berries, as berries have the lowest amount of sugar, and they are packed full of antioxidants and vitamins.

While certain types of sugars are great for you, most of us eat far too much sugar, and it has detrimental consequences to the body. Sugar is sugar, and eating too much fruit raises your insulin levels just as eating too many cookies would. And weight gain is only one of the negative consequences of high sugar intake. A very concerning consequence is an addiction to it, and even a dependence on it. Candida is a yeast overgrowth in the gut that eats sugar and gluten. It has been linked to learning disabilities, ADD, alcoholism, drug addiction, and autism. Symptoms include sugar cravings, itching, indigestion, acne, PMS, dizziness, poor memory, brain fog, earaches, low sex drive, hormone imbalances, among others. Most people who eat the typical American diet have Candida overgrowth. If you absolutely cannot get off sugar, you probably have it, and should consult a health care professional.

Excess sugar intake is also linked to heart disease, heart failure, cancer, overeating, over toxicity, cell aging, and a shorter lifespan. Moreover, too much sugar kills your energy and ability to

focus. As I said, some sugar is good if consumed in moderate quantities, and if it's unrefined. Typical refined sugar is not good for you. It is devoid of nutrients and is simply a filler. Yet some people need that sugary taste. For those, there are some great sugar alternatives that don't affect your insulin levels. Stevia and Xylitol (my personal favourite) are two great examples. With these items (especially Xylitol), you can completely substitute sugar while also avoiding the negative health effects of fructose. And Xylitol is actually GOOD for your teeth! Replace white sugar with an equivalent amount of Xylitol in any recipe, and create a sweet treat that's actually healthy, and Canadian made. Imagine that? So keep eating your fruit, molasses, and pure maple syrup, but cut out any refined sugars. And as a test, try going off sugar and grain completely for a few days to test for Candida overgrowth. This will tell you how addicted you truly are to sugar, and whether you need to drastically change your diet. You can find out just as well with these healthy sugar alternatives, and by consuming only the right sugars. Bonne appetite!

Staying healthy in the heat

Alberta Health Services

Most of us look forward to summer weather through the many long months of winter here in Alberta, but when those hot temps finally arrive, it's important to enjoy safely.

To help you master the mercury rising, Alberta Health Services (AHS) encourages you to take these simple steps:

When temps are hot:

Visit www.albertahealthservices.ca/heat.asp to view all active Heat Advisories issued by AHS around the province.

Consider rescheduling outdoor activities to cooler hours of the day.

Take frequent breaks from heat, spending time indoors at cooled public buildings (including malls or indoor pools).

Drink plenty of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.

Do not leave any person or pet inside a closed vehicle.

Apply a sunscreen of at least sun protection factor (SPF) 30, at least 20 minutes before heading outdoors. Be sure the SPF 30 screens out both

UVA and UVB rays, and reapply frequently (as directed on product label).

Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses (with a UVA/UVB CSA certified seal).

Wear light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants that cover skin.

Albertans are also reminded to monitor for symptoms of heat stroke, which include high body temperature, lack of sweat, disorientation, fainting and/or unconsciousness. Seek medical attention immediately for any individual feeling faint. While awaiting medical attention, move the individual to a shaded area, remove his or her outer clothing and shoes, and wrap the person in a wet towel until medical care is being provided.

Remember: Excessive heat can aggravate underlying medical illnesses such as congestive heart failure, can also be of heightened danger to children and seniors, and individuals who are socially isolated may not know when or how to seek help, or be able to monitor their own symptoms. Be a good neighbour, and watch out for the seniors and children in your area.

For more info, visit www.albertahealthservices.ca/heat.asp For health information and advice

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Outdoor Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan: Public presentation and open house

It is incredible that outdoor recreation is important to 88% of the residents of Brazeau region. This is one of the fascinating results from our community surveys. Another is that conservation of wilderness areas and habitat is considered the most important focus for open green spaces management in Brazeau, along with walking and cycling trails connecting residents to towns, villages and hamlets, rural areas and wilderness hiking trails.

In 2014, Brazeau County, through its Community Services Department, embarked on an initiative to develop a master plan for outdoor recreation and open spaces. The Eagle Point and Blue Rapids Parks Councils were contracted to lead the plan for the benefit of the region's residents and businesses.

The Brazeau County Outdoor Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan adopted a visionary yet practical approach to guide outdoor recreation and open space planning in Brazeau County today and for the next ten years. The Master Plan is a County initiative that will provide the County with guidance and action options to develop a system of trails, campgrounds, day-use areas, other outdoor recreation facilities and managed open spaces for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

The Master Plan is a resource for the community and is an outcome of Brazeau County Council's implementation of relevant sections of the 2011 Municipal Development Plan and a logical next step further to the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan, an earlier effort that provided some solid background information such as community consultations and also provided general directions for moving forward.

At the heart of the Master Plan is a vision that provides the long term guidance necessary to achieve a system of outdoor recreation opportunities and open spaces management. Brazeau County is a place where high quality outdoor recreational facilities, services and open spaces increase the quality of life, protect the environment while promoting economic development, and make the Brazeau region a desirable place to live, work, play and stay.

- The main elements of the Master Plan include:
1. An inclusive and public engagement program that achieved community focused direction;
 2. A review of existing plans, surveys and policies that influence this Master Plan;
 3. A review of the natural setting of Brazeau County, including opportunities and constraints;
 4. A review of existing outdoor recreation facilities;
 5. Options for specific capital and operational



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projects that focus on incremental and partnership developments over 1, 4 and 10 years.

Community consultation was the most important method of information collection to inform the recommendations in this Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The community groups consulted included: General Public, County Council and Administration, Non-Profit Recreation Organizations and Clubs, Community Hall Associations, and Campground Operators. The methods of consultations included: recreation satisfaction and planning surveys, information booths at community events, organization-specific consultations, and community association-specific consultations. The consultations informed the content of the Plan.

By getting residents input, the Master Plan was able to make many recommendations for specific facilities and programs, including:

- Trails: such as walking trails, ATV trails, equestrian trails.
- Campgrounds: including ATV-friendly campground, RV campgrounds; primitive, walk-in/paddle to campgrounds.
- Day-use picnic areas: that includes picnic tables, fire pits and garbage receptacles;
- Boat launches: on the North Saskatchewan and Pembina Rivers.
- Community trout pond and pheasant release area.
- Parks, Natural Areas and provincial crown lands program.
- Reserve and easement program;
- Volunteer private lands stewardship and access program.

Community hall associations and volunteer organizations support program, Tourism, marketing, and outreach program; New and amendments to County policies and by-laws.

The draft plan will be presented to Brazeau County Council 9-30-10-15 a.m. on September 1. The public is welcome to attend. There will also be an open house presentation later in September which will be advertised.

Peter Lee is the Executive Director for the Eagle Point and Blue Rapids Parks Council. Visit them online at www.eaglepointparkscouncil.com

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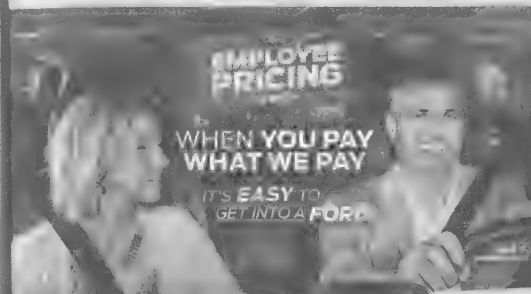
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With a successful career, we celebrate the passing of Yvonne Robidoux on Tuesday August 18, 2015 at the age of 77 years. Yvonne will be lovingly remembered by her children, Louise (David) Robidoux (13) and her (David's) grandchildren, Matthew, David, and Jacob. Yvonne was a great mother, a loving friend, and a devoted volunteer. She was a member of the St. Mary's Church and the St. Mary's Guild. She was also a member of the St. Mary's Choir and the St. Mary's Altar Society. She was a very active person and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a very kind and generous person and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a very loving mother and a devoted wife. She was a very kind and generous person and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a very loving mother and a devoted wife. She was a very kind and generous person and will be missed by all who knew her.



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News

Four ways to reduce household waste

Brenda Edwards

(NC) It's no secret that Canadians love "stuff." Every month, we spend an average of \$2 billion dollars on retail goods - close to a whopping one thousand dollars per person, per month. It's no wonder our landfills are reaching capacity so quickly, with each Canadian generating over 1,700 pounds of waste annually.

All the solid waste found in landfills causes soil and water contamination, and makes a hefty contribution to greenhouse gas emissions through the methane gas produced by decomposition. As landfill piles grow higher, these risks to the environment grow with them.

If we all took responsibility however, we could collectively make a positive

dent. Here are some ways to keep your household waste out of landfills, and in places it best belongs:

Put food in the right spot: It's bad enough that we waste food, but worse that it often ends up in landfills. Donating excess food to shelters or food banks is always appreciated. If items need to be discarded, consult your community's "Green Bin" composting program for the best course of action.

Opt for rechargeable: Chemicals in disposable batteries can be very harmful to the environment if they leak. Rechargeable batteries are cheaper in the long run, and can help protect the planet.

Donate gently used clothing: As people make room for their new seasonal fashions, clothes often go from the hanger to the garbage. Almost all

clothing can be recycled or donated, and there are countless places to do the latter - at over 3,000 Canadian Diabetes Association Clothesline drop boxes across the country, for example.

Don't ever trash plastic: Plastic is versatile and can be reused many times over, but only if you recycle. Despite years of recycling education, millions of plastic water bottles end up in trash heaps. Do your best to always recycle your plastic, and consider switching to reusable water bottles.

For more information about waste diversion, check your community's recycling pages and your city council's environment department website. For more information about the Canadian Diabetes drop box program, visit diabetes.ca/dropbox.

CAUSE FOR CRITTERS PET OF THE WEEK: SIMON



Simon is a very solid boy! He comes from a background of living outdoors so he is no couch potato, that's for sure. Simon prefers not to be cooped up alone - he likes the company of people. He is very friendly (although not a cuddler) and affectionate. You can meet Simon at the Cause for Critters animal shelter. Bay #3-5450-55 SL, www.causeforcritters.ca, or 780-888-7297. Don't miss the TWO FOR ONE SUMMER SALE!

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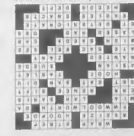
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1. Point midway between W and SW
2. 2011 animated macaw movie
3. A word element meaning nitrogen
4. Shot
5. Coasts
6. Hill (Celtic)
7. Deeply
8. Hebrew dry measure
9. Venice river
10. Mallow
11. Duckiness
12. Enlightened
13. Unintentionally pale
17. Acridly intelligent and wise
18. "French Kiss" actress Ryan
21. "Alien" director
23. Long-tailed rodent
24. A way to ingest
27. Sound units
29. Settling in the nose
32. Central grass

34. Sticky or hot-cross
35. Productive land
36. Enghet
39. Apply with short strokes
40. Indian corn game
43. Stroke
44. Flowed in contrary directions
46. Comforts
47. Point that is one point S of due E
48. String fence
51. Organ of balance
54. Proliferating symbol
58. CIA's founder Turner
60. Smallest whole number
61. Antitoxin of G. Britain
62. A subdivision of a play
64. Exclamation of surprise



SUDOKU

John H. H. H. H.

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Focus on your finances in the coming week, Aries. This is not just something that should last this week, but for the rest of the month to get your affairs in order.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have the opportunity to see yourself more clearly this week. You may help you focus your goals precisely and change your life for the better.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, take some time to review any aspirations you may have pushed aside, especially those pertaining to love. Open your heart instead of turning off feelings.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Surround yourself with friends and loved ones, Cancer. Your spending time with those you love, and time spent that way will make you happier.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, step aside and let someone else shine in the coming days. You enjoy the spotlight, but this person can use a little positive energy coming to be far away.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sep 22

Virgo, it is easy to find yourself pulled in different directions. You want to please everyone at the same time, but that's not always possible. Choose one project.

LIBRA - Sep 23/Oct 23

Courage will be your secret weapon this week, Libra. When everyone else is backing out of a difficult situation, you will rise to the challenge and show your mettle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, even if you want to pursue personal interests this week, you may not be able to get any time alone. You may need to put aside these tasks and handle what's in front of you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Use this week to moderate yourself to diet and exercise, Sagittarius. Don't be distracted from your fitness goals, and you will begin to feel better immediately.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, enjoy this carefree time when you have time on your plate. Just because you may be low and far between, but making the most of them can ensure your happiness.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Celebrate your personal successes this week, Aquarius. You deserve any fanfare that you can get. Escape from your responsibilities and share the moment with your friends.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

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Mondays
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
• First and third—Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Mich's at 12:30 p.m.

• Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
• Line dancing @ the Scout Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.
• Bingo, Tumultuous Aqua Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7:30 p.m. 780-339-2423 or 780-339-3747 for information!

Tu Monday
• DV Art Club meetings, 7 p.m. 542-7320.
• Kin-Club meetings, (780) 531-4517

Tu Tuesday
• Anger hurts everyone. DV Family Support & Intervention Program, women's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-5703 for more info.

• 1st & 3rd Tuesday
• Royal Purple meetings. Westwind Motor Inn (upstairs), 7:30 p.m. Morna @ 542-2854 for info.

2nd Tuesday
• Men's Cultural Youth Society meets @ 7 p.m. at FMHS Outreach. 780-542-9396 for more info.

• Pre-school swim, 12-12:40 p.m. @ DV Pool. 696-2543 for info.

Wednesdays
• Derrick Thasmatists meet 7-8:30 p.m. @ NorQuest College Campus. Borealis welcome. Call Marc @ 780-729-4932 for more info.

• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.

• DV Family Support & Intervention Program, men's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-5703.

• 10:15 meetings, 12-2 @ Church of God. 542-4288, 542-7653

• Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen, 11:30-1:30 @ Drayton Valley Royal Canadian Legion

1st Wednesday
• Braxton Regional Search and Rescue @ 7 p.m. Don @ 780-542-2817, new members welcomed.

• Buck Creek Community Assoc. general meetings.

• Women in the Wind meets @ River Rock (Super 8), 7 p.m.

2nd Wednesday
• DV Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) meets, 7 p.m. Visit www.draytonvalleycop.com to get involved.

3rd Wednesday
• Luncheon @ Wildwood Community Hall. Doors open 5:30 p.m.

• DV Genealogical Society meets, 7 p.m. @ Washing Well. For information call 780-542-2747.

4th Wednesday
• Max Performing Arts Centre board meeting, 3:45 p.m. on Max mezzanine.

• Wildwood Community Hall board meets, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.

Last Wednesday
• DV & District Cancer Support Group meets, 11:30 a.m., Arcadia room, Westwind, Howard @ 780-542-2735 and Penn @ 780-542-5416 for info.

• DV and District Historical Society meets, 1 p.m. at senior's drop-in centre.

Every second Wednesday
• Bits & Bites single parent support group @ Evergreen ParentLink Centre from 6-7:30 p.m. Starts Sept. 24.

Thursdays
• Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. @ United Church

• Brighter Futures Indoor Playground in Violet Grove, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 780-514-5070 or 780-696-2543 for more information.

• Drayton Valley Fine Art Society PAINT N' NOON at the Lutheran Church

2nd Thursday
• Music & Edge meetings, 7:30 p.m. (780) 542-5473.

• DV Hospital Auxiliary meets, 7 p.m. @ the hospital.

• General meeting for Evergreen Community Hall @ the hall starting at 7:30 p.m. except June, July, August.

3rd Thursday
• Northern Thunder Classic Car Club meets at 7 p.m. at Westwind.

• DV Hearts & Hands Quilters' Guild at Emmaus Lutheran Church, at 7 p.m.

Friday
• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.

• All-Annos meets, 8 p.m., Evansburg Catholic Church, Cheryl @ 727-6871 for more information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets in the basement of the Church of God from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Connie @ 780-631-0466 for information.

Saturdays
• Fun crib tournament, 1 p.m. Big T Club in Briton.

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Herbs Forever!



Mark Cullen

In the gardening world we toss the word "perennial" around like a green salad.

The perennials that we grow are meant to come back year after year.

The old friends I would opine. Experience has taught me that some are like old friends that will never leave and just simply take the place over while others disappear without a trace or a word, they never write or call, some friends.

There are perennial herbs that fit neatly into this category. I urge you to give your favourites a try as all of the plants on my recommended list can be planted now. My advice is to choose the plants that you wish to grow based on your palate: if you like eating them, plant them.

My 5 favourite perennial herbs:

1. Mint. In a drink, rubbed on the skin to distract mosquitoes, used in a home-made sauce to put on your lamb, you just have to love mint. There are many varieties available at garden retailers. Have a close look and you will find ginger mint, peppermint, spearmint, and

even Tashkent mint.

The beauty of mint plants is that they grow anywhere that it is sunny. They even tolerate more shade than most herbs. They are mostly insect and disease free, easy to grow and prolific. Did I say "prolific"? Someone just used a swear word when they read that because mint could be described as invasive. And they would be right. Plant mint now and you will live with it as long as you reside where you do.

There is an answer to this dilemma though: containers. I grow my mint in a window box where it survives our long winters very nicely and one thing that it can't do is jump the fence into the garden, located a meter away. Try it. Use a quality container mix. Great for the balcony and patio garden!

2. Chives. Another great chisel for the balcony/patio garden. Nothing easier to grow (except Jerusalem artichoke) and it is so useful in the kitchen. A sprinkling of chives works with so many dishes. Buy a small pot and they



Photo submitted
An advice given by Cullen when it comes to sage is to cut the plant back after it blooms.

will 'clump' in your garden nicely the first year.

Allow them to flower, set seed, and mature and you will be weeding them out of the corners of your garden next year. Unlike mint, which is tenacious in its spreading habit, chives will behave if you cut the flower off before they go to seed. No insects or diseases to note. They do need sunshine to thrive.

Very winter hardy. Chive on.

3. Sage. Sometimes my sage comes back after a winter and sometimes it does not. This depends on snow cover (the deeper the better) and, of course, winter temperatures. They expire when

temperatures reach about -20C or below without snow cover as insulation, so they are not so good as a winter hardy container perennial.

A member of the salvia family, sage produces a great looking flower that attracts hummingbirds, the leaves are attractive (the purple varieties are often grown for their ornamental qualities) and they are generally free of insects and disease.

The sagest advice I can give you is to cut the plant back when it flowers (and use the cuttings in your cooking or dry for future use). The short, stocky plant that results will produce lots of new growth for late summer use.

4. Dregano/marjoram. Plant in an open, sandy soil in the sunbline. I grew a couple of nice little oregano plants 10 years ago and frankly they became an experiment gone bad. I let them grow without digging the roots out and as a result I dug out the works this spring.

I would encourage you to grow it in containers for the same reason that you should grow mint in

pots and window boxes. It can be aggressive. Common and Greek oregano, wild marjoram and sweet marjoram all love the sun; they are Mediterranean natives.

5. Dill. Grow one plant and you can go into the business in a year or so. Dill self-sows its seeds everywhere. The garden just off our back deck is over run with the stuff, which is just what my wife likes. In the interests of marital harmony, I allow the dill to persist. When they are not being cut and enjoyed at the table, the black swallowtail butterflies are laying eggs on them and the hatching larvae are everywhere. I am doing my part for ecology, biodiversity, my health, and enjoying the benefits of a balanced relationship. A multipurpose plant.

Plant, nurture and enjoy. 'Tis the season.

Mark Cullen appears on *Canada AM* every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is the *Law and Garden* expert for *Home Hardware*. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.

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